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THE LEGAL TENDER DECISION.

The reported action of the Supreme Court in reopening the legal tender question, as applied to contracts made prior to 1862, with the view of rehearing and reversing the decision recently rendered by that court, will not inspire the country with respect for the Chief Justice and Associate Judges, Messrs. Strong and Bradley. It had already been widely published that Mr. Justice Bradley had, before entering upon his office, called a meeting of the Camden & Amboy Company, for which he was counsel, and advised them, in substance, to act as if the late legal tender decision was about to be reversed. Judge Strong is appointed from Pennsylvania, but from within a few miles of the Camden & Amboy. When such a reinforcement to the Supreme Bench signalizes its entrance upon office by taking steps to reverse a decision recently rendered, it will be strongly suspected that such Judges go upon the bench with private pledges governing their official conduct. What need to argue a case at all which Judges have already pledged themselves to decide in a particular manner? Can counsel-at-law successfully against such Judges? It is possible there are circumstances wherein a decision rendered before a quorum of seven Judges might with propriety be opened and reheard when the bench was full. In such case, if the former decision had been rendered by a bare quorum of nine, the new decision could only be rendered by a like vote of one. It would be five in nine, instead of four in seven, and the casting vote would be transferred from the Chief Justice to one of those already committed and pledged in advance of argument. Such action on the part of the new Judges of our Supreme Court is to be seriously deplored, if, indeed, it ought not to be indignantly prevented by the other Judges. For the legal tender decision itself we care little, though we believed it wise, and knew it to be honest. But we can feel no respect for a mode of inverting that judgment, which bears every mark of being a "put up job," and can reflect only disgrace upon our highest court of justice. It were to act out in fact the libel under our feet if it, or ought to be, the Supreme Court. When this gives way, anything may happen. The dissenting Judges, Miller, Davis, and Swayne, ought to regret the appointment of new Judges to vote down the old ones on a particular question (if such a thing has been done), as an insult to the entire judiciary of the United States, themselves included.

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There are officers of lower rank in the service who have the control of business involving millions of dollars, and, if corruptly disposed, could easily put themselves beyond the reach of want, and nobody need ever know how it was done. Corresponding services, rendered by civilians in other branches of the government, or in private life, but not involving so great financial responsibility, are paid much higher salaries. Some of these positive so high compensation as a civilian holding a similar place in the Treasury Department, General Logan proposes to reduce their rank or dismiss them entirely. The reform is both insignificant and hazardous. Almost any of them could, in half an hour, put enough money in their pockets to retire to private life with a handsome competency. The rigid education of military law, and the pride these soldiers generally have in their personal integrity, closes the door to corruption and fraud in these departments. Undoubtedly there are exceptions, but experience has shown that very few graduates of the Military Academy become thieves.

General Sherman states that the number of officers left in excess of the needs of the army organization, was one year ago, 672. This number has been reduced by death and other ways to 463, a reduction of 31 per cent in one year. Of these, he says, active duty can be found for 250, and at least 100 more can be discharged for usefulness. This would leave only 113, less than his last year's mortality. The bill before Congress proposes to muster them all out. To these would create an almost impossible necessity for new appointments.

Upon the subject of lowering General Sherman is emphatic in denouncing the abuses which have attended the conferring of brevet rank. But that does not take from the credit of those who took it deservedly. Still, he is willing to have brevets abolished. He takes occasion, however, to say that many who are now subalterns during the war commanded brigades and even divisions, and did so with great credit, and these men will be stripped of the little distinction they so fairly won. There is no economy in this, because brevet rank has never enabled the holder to additional pay.

General Sherman is right in asserting that the American people did not consent to the creation of the rank of General and Lieutenant General for the mere services they rendered. In General Washington's and also in General Scott's time, the rank and pay of Lieutenant General were conferred by the command of a large army, and so it was when the rank was revived for Grant, and then supplemented by the office of General. Nor do we believe that the American people want either office abolished, so long as the present officers hold them. It will always be a cause of national regret that General Thomas died before the country could have seen him in the enjoyment of the highest military rank known to the law.

We are opposed, as much as General Logan can be, to the employment of any supernumerary officer, whether in the military or civil service, but when the government annually selects young men from civil life, to educate them for a particular line of service, which ultimately renders them unfit for any other, and then, when they are to be continued for life in such service, and protested in old age against want, it is not only ungracious, but is smacks of cruelty to dismiss them when they have reached or passed middle life. Why not begin at the other end, and appoint a less number of cadets at West Point? The only objection to this is that members of Congress would have less patronage to dispose of.

RECONSTRUCTION.

—In 1830, a girl 6 years old, now Mrs. Bromley, of Cold Spring, N. Y., was lost in the Highlands in Malcahe, C. W., and brought to Michigan, where she lived in a family to which she supposed she belonged until within the past three years. During the rebellion she married a soldier, and at the close of the war settled in Wisconsin, where her husband died. In removing to Illinois a few months ago all the mystery attending her family connections, enlisted the services of Mr. Aldrich, of that place, who, developed the fact that Mrs. Brooks in 1855, succeeded in finding her brother, by whom she was enabled to reach her mother's home.

—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Detroit & Howell Railroad Co., held in Detroit, March 30, a proposition to consolidate the company with the Howell & Lansing Company was submitted and adopted. The articles of agreement provide that the two companies shall become one before the 1st proximo, and form one corporation under the name of the Detroit, Howell & Lansing Railroad Company, for the purpose of building, maintaining a continuous line of railroad from the city of Detroit to the city of Lansing. The same proposition is to be submitted to the stockholders of the Howell & Lansing Railroad Company at their meeting in Howell, on 1st proximo. It will, without doubt, be carried.

—A woman named Wilcoxson, who had lived in Kalamazoo for some time, came to her death in the town of Derr, Allegan county, on the 24th inst., by the accidental discharge of a gun. She was found dead on the front steps of Mr. Angel's house, with two revolver shots in her head and a gun by her side. Kalamazoo papers state that Mrs. Wilcoxson had at some time lived in Derr, and had been separated from her husband, who is now in jail awaiting trial for murder. She is said to have been insane.

—An amusing incident occurred in a city on the Illinois during the recent examination of the Master of the line and ordered that no person should appear in dominoes dress up to the theater. This is a hard strict orders to arrest every person so found. Unfortunately the Mayor's wife and one of her friends had not heard of the ordinance; they put on dominoes, were arrested, and had to pass several hours in the police station before they were released. The policeman who arrested them showed great zeal in the performance of his duty.

—The plague of locusts is passing upon Jerusalem. A letter published Feb. 26, says: "The locusts are spread over the mountains of Judah and Samaria, in the valley of Jordan, and the plain of Sharon, and they are having come to lay their eggs, which will be hatched just before the harvest; and as the locusts in each couple lay over 200 eggs, countless millions will appear, eating every green thing, poisoning the ground, and thus causing famine for the next year. This is one of the greatest alarm throughout the country."

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—Senator Sumner says of "We regret to learn that charming Madame Parepa-Rosa will soon sail for Europe, where she will spend a good portion of the summer. The fine singing of this lady will be missed by all who can appreciate the highest order of vocalization."

—The preacher in Tippecanoe," adds Mr. Shipps, "and the Democracy of Indiana is the proper form of idea for our Post Office, Mint, and Sub-Treasury."

—Senator Shipps, who is a new comer to Washington, feels resolved to do all he can for the people of Tippecanoe; for the Congressman, like a many great philosophers, supposes that if you can get several millions of money from somewhere else to build what you don't want, the value of our republican institutions will increase in proportion. Some half dozen Congressmen, in empty-dinner pail Land Office, Custom House, Post Office, and Sub-Treasury, have, in the course of a few years, by the exercise of this principle, become property. The preparation of designs, estimates, and specifications for the public buildings of their constituencies; the return and investigation of these designs, estimates, and specifications, if those already completed; and the construction and up of all vaults and safes used by the department.

Mr. Mullet is often in magnificently embarrassed circumstances, and in an effort to relieve himself of the weight of the manager proposed a scheme of economy, which, if carried out, would, in part, deserved the grateful thanks of their country and earned their appropriate reward. He said that he was "struck with some surprise, that it rained heavily on the stage; that he could for a moment have conceived that a fire was raging while the chorus and supernumeraries were so calm and unconcerned; that the thunder should be followed by the time it came to a conclusion the fire was extinguished.

PERSONAL.

It is said that the Emperor Eugenie has written a letter of condolence to Mrs. Rufus Ingalls.

The latest about the consumer Wagner is that he intends to write two more operas, and then turn his attention to politics.

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PERSONAL.

It is said that the Empress Eugenie has written a letter of condolence to Mrs. Rufus Ingalls.

The latest about the consumer Wagner is that he intends to write two more operas, and then turn his attention to politics.

—James Fisk, Jr., has made a proposition to the citizens of Bridgeport, Ct., to erect on the most burnt district of that village with an elegant hotel, building an ornamental hotel and a store on each side.

—Senator Wilson says there is not one-fifth the liquor-drinking in Congress that there was ten years ago. The same is true of the habits of tobacco in the Senate.

—A wealthy young man in Boston had consented to purchase the $1,500 picture of General Butler's daughter, to grace their festive board. The picture arrived, and was found straightway "came down."

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WASHINGTON.

Artistic Swindles.

The Post Office and Custom House Jobs.

National House-Carpentering.

How it is Done, and What it Costs.

Michael Angelo—Brastante—John Jones—Brunelleschi—Sir Christopher Wren—Mullet.

"In heavy, sordid air sits he,
Like Night's heavy job on there!"

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, March 31.

I call your attention to a form of extravagance which approaches in audacity, as well as ferocity, the river and harbor grab.

Look at the Post Office and Custom House Jobs.

This may be called the abuse of national house-building, which is now reduced to a science here, and is provided with all the modern conveniences and encouragements of a special bureau.

When a new Congressman comes to be chosen, the people are apt to crowd about him and say:

"Mr. Snipps, we want an improvement down in Tippecanoe. We haven't had a new house put up there twenty years. Our Post House is worn out, and needed, but as the United States Government won't build that for us, we should like to have a Custom House, Post Office, Mint, Assay Office, Marine Hospital, or Quarantine, Signal Service Station, or all of the Bumbledom District, got never. Custom Houses for his people last year. One of them was Pulaski—you can't pronounce it, but you only asked forty thousand dollars for it. On leaving a place her employers write in the book the kind of her, and the label is sent to the police office where it is again signed. The rule of the establishment is that a fine or premium being given to every servant who remains for a certain term in one family. And every character is made out in duplicate, one of which should be made a training-school for housemaids.

In Schuylkill, Pa., March 22, William Brimer, about 24 years of age, employed at the rear of the Phœnix Iron Works, met with a horrible death by being ground up in the machinery which he was attending. It will be left for the purpose of cleaning it, when by some inadvertence the belting was shifted from the loose pulley on which it ever runs to the tight one which set the machinery in motion. He was instantly killing Brimer, whose body was literally torn to pieces, and the machinery stopped. So tightly was the body wedged in the machine that it required a considerable effort to extricate it.

—A very extraordinary funeral has taken place at Dervizes, England. The deceased was a single lady of the name of Price. Five years ago she had a coffin made, of which she was extremely proud, and which she kept in a room in her house. Her wish was that her body should be removed from her room, except when she paid an occasional visit to Weymouth, and then she was carried in it. She always refused to be driven in a hearse, preferring to walk behind the coffin, which was borne by six men. Her wish was carried out to the letter, and the funeral procession was a most singular one.

—A French "Biography of the young Prince Imperial, now 14 years old, and who is fond of speaking of the life and career of the present Emperor, he remarked that he "considered that the greatest misery of life was to be born on the same book, the Emperor is represented as having said that life under circumstances of ease and luxury was intolerable but mediocre." The Emperor is less complimentary than his son. They should have heard him remarking to Mr. Disraeli, when the latter was in power, that "the English people are the most ungrateful people in the world. They will not vote me a shilling for the Prince Imperial except by dinning the words at every one."

—In 1870 the North German Confederation will have 1,000,000 men under arms, viz.: officers, 35,000; non-commissioned officers, 8,000; musicians, 2,000; drummers and trumpeters, 10,000; 1,000 soldiers, 597,000; artillery, 173; artillery, engineers, 634; artillery, 20,000; train, 7,815.

—At an inn in Vienna an old toper recently celebrated the completion of the twenty-fifth year of his marriage with a dinner for his friends. The president of the dinner party which was given in honor of this event, had also been invited to be the commitee to jail, from how is awaiting his trial, which takes place this month. The *Reporter's* account of the adventures of this bigamist were copied into other papers, and attracted the notice of a gentleman named McDonald, living at Point Pleasant, Iowa. Seeing the name of M. B. Massler mentioned in that article as being instrumental in bringing the bigamist to justice, he wrote a letter, from which it appears that Slewman, alias Lewis, had still another wife in Hancock County, in this State. There is also evidence developed that he had a wife over in Caldwell County, near Dalavar."

IOWA.

Marshalltown has had the Tuscan College, it is said, if it will give $60,000 and forty acres of designated ground. Dog Moines has offered $100,000 [Lyons and Clinton $100,000 and a building worth $50,000; and Cedar Rapids $80,000.

WISCONSIN.

It is estimated that there has been out during the winter on the Wolf and tributaries, about 150,000 logs.

—The Manitowoc *Pilot* states that the scarlet fever is raging to an alarming extent in that county. It is also reported that in a few short children, seven have died with it, and that accounts the other one not reported to the government.

—The Dunn County *News* notes the progress of the Chippewa Falls & Western R. R., which, if passed, will extend to the American passage, provided proper aid be granted by the municipal authorities in each case by the deposit of securities or a sufficient amount with the proper government agents. It is not doubted but that this bill will encounter a powerful opposition organized in the interest of British competition.

Very likely, inasmuch as the American companies, with a dozen or so of honorable exceptions, not only have not deposited with any government agents for the security of policyholders, shows that some of these companies have not a half, or even a third, of the required amount of assets on hand. The requirement that they should deposit anywhere securities equal to their computed reserve would, in such cases, break their companies. Bull also followed his own people to swindle each other with bogus companies who maintained their reserves by estimating "future income" as a chief part of them. It is not likely he will give free license to Yankees to do the same thing in his bailiwick.

We fear that Brother Tilton, of the *Independent*, is in danger of contamination from the demoralizing influence of female politics. We deeply regret that he should be found running for office. Yet so it be-falls. There are three National Woman Suffrage Associations, one called the Equal Right Association, of which Mrs. Lucretia Mott is President, another the National Woman Suffrage Association, of which Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton is President, and a third, the American Woman Suffrage Association, which prints the *Independent*, "borrowed he name of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, for its figurehead!" It will be observed that, by some singular and inscrutable oversight, Mr. Tilton, the real head and front of the woman's rights movement in America is not President of either of these National Associations. In this dilemma, he proposes through the *Independent* to form a new consolidated, Grandfather-in-law Legislative Association, into which the other two are expected to merge. Hence, he calls on all who favor a United Woman Suffrage Association, to send in their names "so simultaneously that their letters shall fly hither like a snow storm, flying careful to prepay postage." If this snow storm proves a winding-sheet to the Beecher, Stanton, and Mott associations, the new and genuine consolidated, Brick Lane organization will naturally feel sufficient respect for its creator to vote for him for President. Should the compliment Mr. Tilton, as a self-made man, will, we doubt not, sufficiently respect his creator to accept.

No sooner is the Fifteenth Amendment proclaimed than a sudden shrewdness seizes the New York Democracy like a colic. After having stumped the State to elect a Democratic Legislature, on purpose to reverse the ratification of that amendment, already made by a Republican Legislature, and having succeeded, reversed the ratification, delayed it by several months, and even secured a *quasi* acknowledgment of their adverse action in the proclamation of ratification itself, these shrewd Democrats propose now to convince the colored voters of the Empire State that they are indebted to the Democratic party for the right of suffrage. For this purpose they propose to pass an act extending the operation of the Fifteenth Amendment to New York. The bagpipes of New York may be very ignorant in political matters, but they are not so hopelessly depraved, as the great mass of the Democrats of that State suppose.

THE NORTHWEST.

ILLINOIS.

Judge Emmerson, of the Johnson County Court, died of pneumonia a few days ago.

—The Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railway was completed to Pisca last Saturday, and, should the weather remain settled, will reach Brighton next week.

—Between the 1st of November last and the 1st of March there were reported to the Board of Health of Chicago 1,000 cases of small-pox, with 200 deaths, or 20 per cent. Of these, he says, active duty can be found for 250, and at least 100 more can be discharged for usefulness. This would leave only 113, less than his last year's mortality. The bill before Congress proposes to muster them all out. To these would create an almost impossible necessity for new appointments.

Upon the subject of lowering General Sherman is emphatic in denouncing the abuses which have attended the conferring of brevet rank. But that does not take from the credit of those who took it deservedly. Still, he is willing to have brevets abolished. He takes occasion, however, to say that many who are now subalterns during the war commanded brigades and even divisions, and did so with great credit, and these men will be stripped of the little distinction they so fairly won. There is no economy in this, because brevet rank has never enabled the holder to additional pay.

General Sherman is right in asserting that the American people did not consent to the creation of the rank of General and Lieutenant General for the mere services they rendered. In General Washington's and also in General Scott's time, the rank and pay of Lieutenant General were conferred by the command of a large army, and so it was when the rank was revived for Grant, and then supplemented by the office of General. Nor do we believe that the American people want either office abolished, so long as the present officers hold them. It will always be a cause of national regret that General Thomas died before the country could have seen him in the enjoyment of the highest military rank known to the law.

We are opposed, as much as General Logan can be, to the employment of any supernumerary officer, whether in the military or civil service, but when the government annually selects young men from civil life, to educate them for a particular line of service, which ultimately renders them unfit for any other, and then, when they are to be continued for life in such service, and protested in old age against want, it is not only ungracious, but is smacks of cruelty to dismiss them when they have reached or passed middle life. Why not begin at the other end, and appoint a less number of cadets at West Point? The only objection to this is that members of Congress would have less patronage to dispose of.

RECONSTRUCTION.

—In 1830, a girl 6 years old, now Mrs. Bromley, of Cold Spring, N. Y., was lost in the Highlands in Malcahe, C. W., and brought to Michigan, where she lived in a family to which she supposed she belonged until within the past three years. During the rebellion she married a soldier, and at the close of the war settled in Wisconsin, where her husband died. In removing to Illinois a few months ago all the mystery attending her family connections, enlisted the services of Mr. Aldrich, of that place, who, developed the fact that Mrs. Brooks in 1855, succeeded in finding her brother, by whom she was enabled to reach her mother's home.

—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Detroit & Howell & Lansing Railroad Co., held in Detroit, March 30, a proposition to consolidate the company with the Howell & Lansing Company was submitted and adopted. The articles of agreement provide that the two companies shall become one before the 1st proximo, and form one corporation under the name of the Detroit, Howell & Lansing Railroad Company, for the purpose of building, maintaining a continuous line of railroad from the city of Detroit to the city of Lansing. The same proposition is to be submitted to the stockholders of the Howell & Lansing Railroad Company at their meeting in Howell, on 1st proximo. It will, without doubt, be carried.

—A woman named Wilcoxson, who had lived in Kalamazoo for some time, came to her death in the town of Derr, Allegan county, on the 24th inst., by the accidental discharge of a gun. She was found dead on the front steps of Mr. Angel's house, with two revolver shots in her head and a gun by her side. Kalamazoo papers state that Mrs. Wilcoxson had at some time lived in Derr, and had been separated from her husband, who is now in jail awaiting trial for murder. She is said to have been insane.

—An amusing incident occurred in a city on the Illinois during the recent examination of the Master of the line and ordered that no person should appear in dominoes dress up to the theater. This is a hard strict orders to arrest every person so found. Unfortunately the Mayor's wife and one of her friends had not heard of the ordinance; they put on dominoes, were arrested, and had to pass several hours in the police station before they were released. The policeman who arrested them showed great zeal in the performance of his duty.

—The plague of locusts is passing upon Jerusalem. A letter published Feb. 26, says: "The locusts are spread over the mountains of Judah and Samaria, in the valley of Jordan, and the plain of Sharon, and they are having come to lay their eggs, which will be hatched just before the harvest; and as the locusts in each couple lay over 200 eggs, countless millions will appear, eating every green thing, poisoning the ground, and thus causing famine for the next year. This is one

which necessitates other
assured and friendly meetings at the cabins.
The original bill, however (for it
which I published), was
in lieu of a tunnel," on the judgment
[illegible]ers; and of its twenty-eight sec-
tions, only nothing exclusively to the
object were carried out.
A multi-[illegible] bridge for foot, carriage,
[illegible]way passage, gave the company two
from the passage of the act to abut
[illegible] assessment. We had reached this point
when one of the engines broke down, and the
Admiral will go on by mail steamer. [illegible]
probably return to Hong-Kong. The bodies of
the lost have, I suppose, been recovered before
this. If there is anything in my power that I
may do for you, pray command me."

"It seems to me as if in the Oneida went
down nearly all the friends that I had, so long
was I with them, and James, particularly—
[illegible] connected without a draw, for he
was liked by everybody, and particularly by his
superior officers. Once he had been mentioned
in despatches to the Admiral for conduct during
a gale of wind, and I know that he never
finished from danger. Had he been on the
Oneida's deck, he would have met his death as
bravely as the rest. If I can get any of his
effects I shall send them to you, for you must
value them next to himself.

"In closing, allow me to offer my services
again. Please accept for yourself, and con-
vey to your family, my warmest sympathies
for them in their great affliction.

"I have the honor to be sir, your most ob-
dient servant, Jas. H. Van Ness, Ensign.

"Colonel Gsonor Cowin, Washington, D. C."

The subjoined letter from Paymaster Lyon, United States Navy, has just been received:

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Feb. 14, 1870.

"Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, Elmira, N. Y.:

"My Dear Sir: I feel very great hesitancy about intruding myself—an entire stranger—upon you in this hour of sorrow; but you are a many warm friends have seem to think me the most suitable person to engage in the sorrowful duty of conveying to you the assurance of our deep and earnest sympathies. You will, doubtless, have seen in the newspapers the account of the terrible loss of the Oneida, on the 26th ultimo, with almost all her officers and crew, and how I, therefore, be-
came the party of receiving the harrowing details.

"There was no ship in our squadron on which there seemed to have been collected so many officers whose loss this country could so ill afford to spare, and who would be missed by friends.

"The Oneida was a great favorite every-
where, and her officers were always welcome visitors on board the flagship of the squadron. Among them all, there was no one more prized and better loved than your son; no one, now that he is gone, who is deeper in more affec-
tion and more regretfully. He was of such a genial disposition, so full of life and energy, so generous and unselfish, so true to his friends, and so ranged 92.50 per day to the hand. In the Oneida's wardroom and steerage his pleasant deposits are unmistakably superi-
or to those of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

More Investigation by a Couple of Committees—Testimony of Mr. G. L. Wheelock, Architect—What He Thinks of the Roof and Floors.

The Committee of Nine on the Court House Contract.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Board of Supervisors' Committee on Education and Building met at Supervisor Walsh's office, yesterday morning, to hold a further inquiry regarding the security of the Normal School floors and roof. There were present Supervisors Walsh, Cook, Hildebrand, McCaffrey, Bailey, Worthington, Waterman, Sanitor, and Rolfsen. The following testimony was taken:

Mr. G. L. Wheelock, architect, examined: I visited the Normal School; I have been an architect twenty-four years; I gave the matter a close examination; I examined the joists of the first floor; the joists are of 2x10, placed from centre to centre, and 16 inches apart; they are from 20 to 22 feet long; the joists are laid double; they should have supported the floor; the floor was not properly supported by the best of construction; the joists were not properly supported by the bridging; the bridging was not put in the best manner; the bridging was not put in so that it would support the floor; the floor was not properly supported upon the best of construction; the bridging was not put in the manner it should be